Good afternoon Members of the Planning and Development Committee,

I would like to strongly urge you all to support HR 5170 so the thousands of innocent and voiceless dogs in Connecticut will gain a more significant level of protection against abusive and neglectful owners.

I live in Fairfield and I became aware of an innocent dog named Bailey here in town. She was being tethered outside 24/7 and her owners were neglecting her terribly. They had over 14 complaints lodged against them and yet our local police closed the case because they didn't have the backing of law to do anything more for her.

Bailey is one of thousands of innocent animals in the state that need us to speak on their behalf.

Please do your part and support HR 5170. Thank you very much!

Sincerely, Sue Cronin Fairfield, CT